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## SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

### MOUNTING MEDIUM

#### CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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[0001] This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/968,043, filed October 2, 2001, which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,709,836, which claims the benefit of European Application No. EP 00203405.6, filed October 2, 2000, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The present invention relates to an improved mounting medium that can be used in the preparation of slides for investigation by microscopy techniques.

~~The mounting medium of the invention is particularly suited for use in histochemistry, immunochemistry and/or cytochemistry, i.e. to provide slides of samples of blood, cells tissue or other biological fluids or materials, including but not limited to samples/material which have been stained to facilitate microscopic examination, e.g. for scientific and/or diagnostic purposes.~~

~~Further aspects of the invention will become clear from the description given hereinbelow.~~

[0003] Generally, in microscopy, a slide of a material or sample to be investigated is prepared by putting said sample or material onto a (bottom) slide and then covering said sample with a (top) cover. Generally, for light microscopy or similar techniques, slides and covers of glass or another suitable transparent materials are used.